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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in IAC Conference Room, Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 6 November 1956

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant for Intelligence, Department of State
- Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
- Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
- Major General Millard Lewis, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force
- Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
- Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
- Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

^{*} Part of meeting

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1. Approval of Minutes
30 October Meeting
(IAC-M-263)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report
No. 326

Noted this report.

- 3. Review of Arab-Israeli and Suez Situations
- a. The Chairman stated that, subsequent to the special IAC meeting of the previous evening (which had adjourned at 0100), he had requested that formal circularization of the estimate approved at that meeting (SNIE 11-9-56) be withheld in order that he might again review the paper in the morning. Mr. Dulles noted also that he had taken the estimate as a draft to the White House during the morning (6 November) where it had been personally read by the President.
- b. Mr. Dulles then referred to late information and intelligence from various sources, particularly that bearing on the Middle East situation, and stated that he would ask the IAC members to reconsider SNIE 11-9-56.
- c. Army Briefing. Army representatives gave a briefing on the military situation in the Middle East, especially with respect to developments affecting ground forces.
 - d. SNIE 11-9-56
 Sino-Soviet Intentions
 in the Suez Crisis

Following distribution of a proposed revision of SNIE 11-9-56, the members discussed this draft and approved the proposed revision, as amended.

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- e. Navy Briefing. General Cabell introduced a naval representative who briefed the members on matters affecting the naval situation in the Middle East.
- f. Air Force Briefing. Air Force representatives reviewed Middle Eastern developments, particularly with respect to relative air force strengths and current or potential air activities.

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4. SNIE 11-8-56 Likelihood of Soviet Violation of Austrian Neutrality

While considering this estimate, which had been prepared to meet a White House requirement, the members reviewed various relevant matters, including a special report received by General Schow and certain State Department communications. Following their discussion, the members approved the estimate, as amended.

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6. Review of Developments in East Europe

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General Cabell noted that significant recent developments in East Europe had been considered by the members in connection with their discussion of other agenda items, particularly the Watch Committee report, the review of the related Middle Eastern situation and their consideration of SNIE 11-8-56.

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Acting Secretary

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Pursuant to General Cabell's request at 1335, the members remained for a brief executive session.

Adjournment: 1345

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